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DETECTION DEVICE OF ELECTRIC)
STAPLER)

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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

In response to the final Office Action dated July 19, 2006, the period for response to which extends through October 19, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application based upon the following remarks.